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112th CongressOFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVESEMPLOYEE
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Employee (print or type): Christopher BerardiniName of Accompanying Family Member (if any): NoneRelationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): Date of Departure and Date of Return: 8/21/2011-8/26/2011Dates at Personal Expense: NoneItinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): Washington DC (IAD) - Larnaca, Cyprus (LCA) - Washington, DC (IAD)Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): CFA - Cyprus Federation of AmericaDescribe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; **and**
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

If not, explain:

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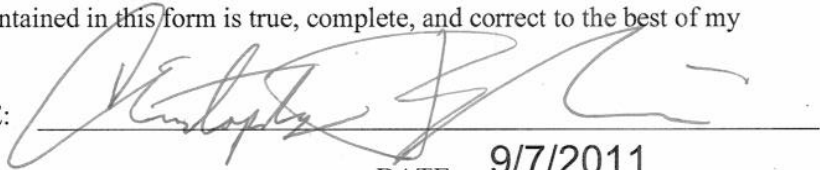
TRAVEL EXPENSES:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$5,000	\$1,190	\$1,000
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:

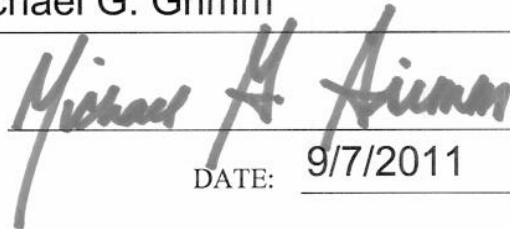


DATE: 9/7/2011

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Michael G. Grimm

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:



DATE: 9/7/2011

Version date 1/2011 by Committee on Ethics

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM
For Members, Officers, and Employees

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form. Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.*

YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED DEPARTURE DATE. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Chris Berardini

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For staff, name of employing Member/Committee: Rep. Michael G. Grimm

Office address: 512 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20515

Phone number: 202-225-3371

Email address of contact person: blaire.bartlett@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:

Committee on Ethics
U.S. House of Representatives
1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-7103 (phone)
(202) 225-7392 (fax)

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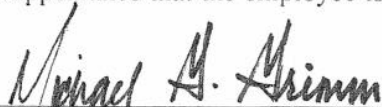
PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Chris Berardini
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Cyprus Federation of America
3. Travel destination(s): Cyprus (Larnaca and Nicosia and surrounding cities/villages)
4. a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Sunday, August 21 - Saturday, August 27, 2011
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: _____
c. Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
b. If yes, check one of the following: ☐ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)
(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: ☐ or
(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: ☐
If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____
7. Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments (indicate that form is attached by checking box): ☒
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to your individual official or representational duties:
One of the primary goals of the CFA is to educate Members and their staff of Greek/Cypriot issues, and as a staffer of a Member of a district with a high concentration of Greeks, a trip will be beneficial to performing my duties as Chief of Staff and fostering the mission of the CFA.

9. **FOR STAFF:**
TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 08/01/2011



Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Cyprus Federation of America (CFA)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): Rep. Michael Grimm and Chris Berardini. The CFA strives to educate Members of Congress and their staff on Greek/Cypriot issues so they may better serve their constituents.
6. Dates of travel: Sunday, August 21 - Saturday, August 27, 2011
7. Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, DC (IAD) - Lamaca, Cyprus (LCA) - Washington, DC (IAD)
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
 - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
 - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
 - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: _____

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: The primary goal of the CFA is to maintain the unification of the Greek/Cypriot Community in the US and the preservation and promotion of the Greek/Cypriot customs, traditions, principles and ideals amongst the Greeks/Cypriots living in the US. The CFA is solely responsible for organizing and funding this trip.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: The CFA is a non-profit organization with a mission to preserve and expand Greek language, history and culture in the US.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: Business Class on a commercial airline
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ *or*
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Some days will have events already planned, other days will have lunch/dinner meetings specifically for trip attendees. Est. \$100/day
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The trip will take place in Cyprus in order to educate Members of Congress and their staff about the Greek/Cyprus-US relationship.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: Cyprus Hilton Hotel (Nicosia)
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): King Guestroom \$155 and/or King Executive Room \$170
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: Location and Cost

21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$5,000	\$1,190	\$1,000
For each accompanying family member			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee		
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☐
23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Tasos D Zambas

Name and title: Tasos Zambas

Organization: Cyprus Federation of America

Address: 29 WAKEFIELD LN PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854

Telephone number: (917) 345-2696

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Email Address: tasos@tmo.blackberry.net

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

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August 5, 2011

Committee on Ethics
US House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Bonner and Ranking Member Sanchez,

Enclosed please find paperwork regarding a privately-sponsored trip my Chief of Staff, Chris Berardini, would like to take to Cyprus from August 21, 2011 to August 27, 2011. The trip is sponsored by the Cyprus Federation of America – an organization that does not employ a federally registered lobbyist.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact my Executive Assistant, Blaire Bartlett, at (202) 225-3371 or blaire.bartlett@mail.house.gov.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Grimm
Member of Congress



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August 1, 2011

The Honorable Michael G. Grimm
512 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Grimm,

We would like to invite you to join us on a trip to Cyprus sponsored by the Cyprus Federation of America (CFA) during the August 2011 summer recess.

The CFA is a non-profit organization with a mission to promote the rights, and freedoms of the Cypriot people, and work towards the termination of the illegal occupation of Cyprus from Turkey. The Federation strives to educate Members of Congress and their staff on the close ties between the people of the United States and the people of Cyprus through social, cultural, educational, philanthropic, and other exchanges. The CFA was established in 1951 and has been the leading umbrella organization serving all Cypriots in the United States.

The trip will explore critical foreign policy and national security challenges facing both the United States and Cyprus and how the two countries are working together. The program will include discussions with members of the Cyprus government, local government officials of Nicosia, U.S. officials and the significance of Cyprus in world history.

All trip expenses will be paid for by the Cyprus Federation of America and aspects of the trip will be in accordance with House Ethics rules. No later than 14 days prior to departure, participants are responsible for submitting two forms to the House Committee and Ethics. CFA will provide you with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form. You must also submit a completed and signed Privately Sponsored Travel Traveler Form to the Committee.

We hope that you will be able to join us for an exciting and educational trip. If you are able to participate please contact Mr. Tasos Zambas at (917) -345-2696.

Sincerely,

Peter Papanicolaou
President
Cyprus Federation of America

Honorary Member: Dinos Moushoutas • **Past President:** Dr. Savvas Zavoyiannis • Rev. John Zanelos • Christos Messaris • S. Nicholas • Praxitelis Loizides
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PRELIMINARY ITINERARY
(Subject to Change)

Congressional trip to the Republic of Cyprus
August 20/21, 2011 – August 27, 2011

Saturday, August 20th

Congressman Grimm: Depart from Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport at 6:55 PM and arrive at Cyprus Larnaca Airport at 7:55 PM

Check in at hotel in Nicosia, Cyprus

Sunday, August 21

Chris Berardini: Depart from Dulles Aiport at 10:02 PM and arrive into Cyprus Larnaca Airport at 6:40 PM on Monday, August 22

Congressman Grimm: Meeting with Minister of Finance and Central Bank of Cyprus followed by tour of historical sites.

Monday, August 22 – Friday, August 26

- ◆ Meeting with the President of the Republic of Cyprus
- ◆ Meeting with the Presidential Commissioner
- ◆ Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs
- ◆ Meeting with the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations
- ◆ Meeting with the Director General of the House of Representatives
- ◆ Meeting with the Director of the Diplomatic Office of the President
- ◆ Meeting with the Ambassador of the United States of America
- ◆ Meeting with Bishop Porphyrios of Neapolis
- ◆ Meeting with Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- ◆ Meeting with the Mayor of Nicosia
- ◆ Meeting with the Mayor of the occupied city of Famagusta and the Mayor of Deryneia
- ◆ Meeting with the Greek Cypriot Representative to the Committee of Missing Persons
- ◆ Meeting with the Director of the Service for the Missing Persons
- ◆ Tour of the Cyprus Archeological Museum
- ◆ Tour of the Byzantine Museum
- ◆ Tour of the Buffer Zone
- ◆ Tour of the old city of Nicosia, the cease-fire line and Ledra Street in Nicosia
- ◆ Tour of the Mosque of Umm Haram (Hala Sultan Tekke)
- ◆ Visit with local community at Pyla Village, a mixed village of Greek and Turkish Cypriots

Saturday, August 27

Chris Berardini: Depart Cyprus Larnaca Aiport at 8:05 AM and arrive into Dulles at 4:22 PM

Congressman Grimm: Depart Cyprus Larnaca Airport at 8:05 AM and arrive into Newark at 7:05 PM